GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FLAG CODE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have enforced new National Flag Code; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Flag Code of India, 2002, takes effect from January 26, 2002 and supersedes the Flag Code India as it existed.The Flag Code of India 2002, has been divided into three parts. Part-I of the Code contains general description of the National Flag.Part-II of the Code is devoted to display of the National Flag by members of public, private organisations, educational institutions, etc. Paragraph 2.1 of Section-I of Part-II explicitly states that there shall be no restriction on the display of the National Flag by members of general public, private organizations, educational institutions, etc., except to the extent provided in the Emblems & Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 and the Prevention of Insults to the National Honour Act, 1971 and any other law enacted on the subject.In consonance with the aforesaid provision, clauses
(i) to (xiii) of para 2.1 contain certain prohibitions. Paragraph 2.2 of Section-I of Part-II contains certain `do`s and don`ts`, consistent with the dignity and honour of the Flag. The provisions of Part-III are applicable to Government Departments/organisations/functionaries and, being in the nature of Government instructions, will be binding on them.

Copies of the Flag Code of India, 2002 have been placed in the library of the Parliament House.